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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Seventeen thousand and ninety-one applications for takkavi loans and 19,428 applications for subsistence loans from the agriculturists of Anantapur district were pending disposal on 20th June 1952."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there are a large number of applications for takkavi and subsistence loans still pending from Kadiri, Tadpatri and other taluks of Anantapur district, due to the shortage of personnel to deal with those applications and also due to the want of conveyance for the officers to go and inquire into those petitions, will Government consider the proposal of increasing the staff and providing conveyance for them for the quick disposal of those applications especially as it will mitigate the sufferings of the famine-stricken people?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, additional special staff for inquiring into these loan applications has been employed in almost every taluk, and for the information of the hon. Member I may say that a sum of Rs. 18,98,000 and odd as takkavi loans and a sum of Rs. 18,32,000 as subsistence loans have been disbursed already."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER :—" May I know, Sir, how many applications have been received from the agriculturists of Malabar for takkavi loans and how much money has been disbursed to them, and particularly whether any takkavi loans have been sanctioned for the agriculturists under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question deals with Anantapur district and not with Malabar."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" സ്വത്തുക്കൾ സെക്യൂറിററി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഇല്ലാത്ത സാധു കൃഷിക്കാരന് ' തക്കാവി ' ലോൺ കൊടുക്കുമോ. ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :— The hon. Member asks whether takkavi loans will be given to agriculturists who have no property to give as security."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, even without mortgage of land, applications for takkavi loans are being considered."

Election propaganda at Kakinada by the Ministers.

* 234 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the three Ministers, namely, the Minister for Rural Development, the Minister for Land Revenue, and the Minister for Harijan Welfare went to Kakinada at public expense for election propaganda in the second week of June 1952?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Minister for Rural Welfare did not go to Kakinada or any place in East Godavari district in the second week of June 1952. He was in that district on work appertaining to his office from 16th to 22nd May and not for election propaganda.

" The Minister for Education and the Minister for Land Revenue were in the East Godavari district for work appertaining to their office as Ministers. The answer to the question is, therefore, in the negative."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, there is a Press report, a cutting from the 'Andhra Patrika'. This report was not contradicted by our Hon. Minister Mr. Sanjivayya. It clearly says that he participated in the election campaign immediately after getting down at Samarlakota. If I am permitted, I shall read out the whole report."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not necessary."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In the first place, the question is not about the Hon. Minister for Co-operation. In the second place, no inference should be drawn from Press reports and no expectation should be had for contradiction of them. There are ever so many Press reports and such false reports I have made up my mind not to contradict and I have advised my colleagues also not to contradict them unless they are extremely important and unless they are likely to lead to injurious results. I submit, a statement of fact, when it is made by me on behalf of Hon. Ministers in respect of their own affairs, should be accepted."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it not incumbent on the Hon. Ministers before they went on official tours to have circulated their tour programme to me as I am an elected Member of that constituency? Why is it that they did not do so? For what purpose did they stealthily move about in my constituency at the time of the bye-election?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I rise on a point of order about the word 'stealthily'."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, in view of the statements and assertions made on this side of the House that the Ministers did participate in election work, will the Ministers concerned rise on the floor of the House and say that they honestly never did any election work in these tours?" (Opposition Cheers.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am really sorry this question has been cheered in this manner. Does the Leader of the Opposition expect that Hon. Ministers should rise and make statements on oath? When I have

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made a statement on their behalf, it should be considered enough. I submit it is a very wrong suggestion to make and very wrong to be cheered about."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"I am sorry the Hon. Chief Minister said, it is a very wrong suggestion to make. It may be very wrong. But there are several wrongs done, and we want to clear up the wrong things done."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"I have said in clear terms already. I shall give details if necessary if asked in a proper manner. I have said in clear terms that the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare, about whom the supplementary question was asked, did not go to Kakinada or any place in East Godavari in the second week of June 1952. Is that contradicted by the supplementary question? I hope not. Then, Sir, he was in that district on work appertaining to his office from 16th to 22nd May and not for election propaganda. I wish that to be accepted. I have added that, with apologies to Mr. Venkateswarlu for answering a question which was not asked. Then, Sir, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Land Revenue were in the East Godavari district for work appertaining to their office as Ministers. I want this should be accepted when it is stated by me on their behalf."

Assignment of lands in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 235 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any representation was received recently by the Government against taking away of lands from poor peasants for assigning the same to "political sufferers" in Tiruchirappalli district, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Examination shows that except for the representation received from the hon. Member himself in March 1952, no other representation has been received, but the Government have examined the matter in consultation with the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and the Board of Revenue and it is found that the action of the Collector in assigning the land in favour of the political sufferer was in order with reference to the instructions then in force as the person in previous possession was an encroacher of only one year's standing or less."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the peasant from whom the land was taken away had invested an amount to the extent of Rs. 3,000 in improving the land? Will the Government at least consider the question of compensating the peasant to this extent?" 11 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Sir, I cannot vouch for the figure that the hon. Member has